

## **REPORT ON THE REALIZATION, RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "TEXTILE SCIENCE AND ECONOMY X"**

The International Conference "Textile science & economy X", held from May 20 to May 21, 2019 in the amphitheater of the Technical Faculty "Mihajlo Pupin" in Zrenjanin organized by the Technical Faculty "Mihajlo Pupin" of University of Novi Sad is successfully completed by making conclusions, which are also guidelines for future activities in the field of textile science implementation in the economy in order to increase the efficiency and competitiveness of the clothing and textile industry of Serbia and to improve the activities in creating the base of staff by improving the high-education.

The introductory speech was held by the participants of the Conference and members of the Organizing Committee Marija Pešić, Danka Joksimović, Anita Milosavljević, Stanislava Sindjelic and the President of the Organizing Committee Prof. Vasilije Petrovic. Afterwards, the participants were addressed by: Assistant Professor Ljubica Kazi, Vice Dean for the teaching on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Dr. Wang Hua, from Donghua University, Milorad Vasiljević, Secretary for Textile of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, Gabrijela Grujić, Assistant Minister of Education of the Republic of Serbia, Aleksandar Starčević, Assistant Minister of Economy of the Republic of Serbia and Čedomir Janjić, Mayor of the city of Zrenjanin. After interviews to the media, professors Xu Ming and Vasilija Petrovic with their associates Stanislava Sindjelic and Anita Milosavljevic promoted the signed Agreement with the Haimen Group in the field of home textile.

Prof. Dr. Dusan Trajkovic from the University of Nis officially opened the work of the Conference on behalf of the Scientific Committee of the Conference and invited Prof. Dr. John Wilson to present his work under the title: Initiative Belt and Road-Belt and Road World Textile University Alliance. Work is further continued according to the Program of activities.

The conference received 40 works from 13 countries, which confirms that the Technical Faculty "Mihajlo Pupin" has become a significant institution in this field of textile engineering education in the Republic of Serbia. We have received works from: the People's Republic of China, Turkey, Croatia, Romania, Macedonia, Hungary, Cambodia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Iran, Sweden and Germany. The works of our colleagues have been published in the Collection of the Works. As this conference has an economic focus, the Collection contains scientific papers, professional papers and works of our students.

Among the 20 guests from abroad, at the Conference were also present: professors from the Donghua University of Shanghai: John Wilson, Wang Hua, Xu Ming and Guoxiang Yuan; professors from Pamukkale University from Turkey: Ece Kalaycı, Arzu Yavas; professors from the West University of Timisoara: Eugenia Elena Riemschneider and Hariton Florea with associates; professor from Obuda University from Budapest Edit Csanák, Professor Igor Jordanov from Kirilo and Metodije University from Skopje, with three other professors, professor of the University of Travnik Samir Pačavar, colleague Gebregziabher Kidus Tesfamariam from Ethiopia, manager of a company that employs 4,000 workers, Gordan Smudj, manager of the French company Lectra etc.

Professors of the Nis University: Dušan Trajković, Nenad Ćirković and Tatjana Šarac; colleagues Marko Marinkovic and Vladimir Milakovic, from the Japanese company Mimaki; Dr. Mirjana Reljić and Dr. Dragan Đorđić from CIS Institute from Belgrade; Tatjana Bojanic, Director of the Institute for Standardization of Serbia; Nenad Petkovic from the Vojvodina



Chamber of Commerce; Milorad Vasiljevic, Secretary for Textile, Clothing, Leather and Shoes in the Serbian Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Gabrijela Grujić, Assistant Minister for Dual and Entrepreneurial Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia; mr Aleksandar Starčević, ed. Assistant Minister of Economy of the Republic of Serbia; Mayor of the city of Zrenjanin, Cedomir Janjic and others.

The conference has improved the model of revival of the textile and clothing industry of Serbia through the activities of involving young people in this sector. For the first time, the vision of global trends in the textile sector was discussed by recognized experts in this field. Finally, fashion show of Romanian and Serbian students was held. Our student Miloš Miletić presented his models that were worn by our students.

At the end of the conference, the following conclusions were reached on the necessary activities, such as:

- ❖ Active involvement of UNS and the Faculty in all events organized within the Initiative Belt and Road-Belt and Road World Textile University Alliance;
- ❖ Strengthening cooperation with Donghua University;
- ❖ Improving the promotion of the textile sector among young people with a view to their inclusion in the sector;
- ❖ Strengthening the conference of established regional and international ties through realization of new forms of cooperation of mutual participation in the reporting of international projects;
- ❖ Organizational strengthening of the Clothing Engineering program in order to improve international cooperation and further involvement in international projects;
- ❖ Strengthening students' presence in domestic and foreign enterprises and higher education institutions through the establishment of regional cluster of fashion industry;
- ❖ Inclusion of as many students of the Faculty as researchers on projects through the Ministry of Education and Science and international projects;
- ❖ Mutual (international) work on improving regional fashion brands;
- ❖ Realization of fashion workshops of students from our Faculty, students of Pamukkale University and students of the Faculty of Arts and Design, West University of Timisoara;
- ❖ Promoting mutual work on the promotion of clothing and fashion industry at the regional and international level, etc.

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Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Conference:

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